#### COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

#### BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of:

A CERTIFICATION OF THE CARRIERS	)	
RECEIVING FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICI	E )	Administrative Case No. 381
HIGH-COST SUPPORT	)	

ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER CERTIFICATION AND REPORT OF NEW CINGULAR WIRELESS PCS LLC D/B/A AT&T MOBILITY (SAC 269905)

# CERTIFICATION OF NEW CINGULAR WIRELESS PCS, LLC d/b/a AT&T MOBILITY (SAC 269905)

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The undersigned, being duly sworn, states as follows:

- 1. I currently serve as a Vice President / General Manager for AT&T Mobility Corporation, the manager for New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC d/b/a AT&T Mobility ("AT&T Mobility" or "Company"). I am personally familiar with the federal high-cost universal service support received by AT&T Mobility and the use of these funds in Kentucky for study area code ("SAC") 269905.
- 2. To enable the Company to receive federal high-cost universal service support in calendar year 2014, the Public Service Commission of Kentucky ("Commission") is required to certify the Company's use of support for SAC 269905 to the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") and the Universal Service Administrative Company ("USAC") on or before December 16, 2013.
- 3. As set forth in the Commission's Order issued on August 15, 2005, in Case No. 2005-00130 designating AT&T Mobility's predecessor American Cellular Corporation ("ACC") as an eligible telecommunications carrier ("ETC") throughout portions of the state for SAC 269905, and as AT&T Mobility committed to in its ETC designation request, the Company is further required to file annually the following additional information with the Commission: (a) plans for the use of federal high-cost support to be received; (b) records and documentation detailing the Company's progress toward meeting its build-out plans; (c) the number of complaints per 1,000 customers; and (d) information detailing the number of unfulfilled requests for the past year.

- 4. Based on USAC's most recent projections, the Company currently estimates that it will receive approximately \$2.7 million in federal high-cost universal service support in 2014. The FCC released its *USF/ICC Transformation Order*<sup>1</sup> that made significant changes to its high-cost program, and among other changes adopted a final rule to phase out high-cost support payments to competitive ETCs, like AT&T Mobility, by July 2016.
- 5. Pursuant to the FCC's Orders, the Company hereby certifies that it used in the preceding year (2012) and will use in the upcoming year (2014) all of its federal high-cost universal service support only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended in accordance with 47 U.S.C. §254(e).

## A. Service Improvement Progress Report

- 6. Since its designation as an ETC, the Company has continued to identify facility construction projects intended to expand network coverage within its designated service area.

  Attached as **Confidential Attachment A-1** is a summary of the types of facilities, locations, estimated budget and deployment dates for each of these service improvements for calendar year 2014.
- 7. **Confidential Attachment A-2** explains how the Company spent the USF support that it received in 2012.
- 8. Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 254(e), the Company will continue to utilize the federal high-cost universal service support it receives to maintain, upgrade and operate these network facilities consistent with the universal service objective of providing quality telecommunications services.

#### B. Requests for Service

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Connect America Fund, et al., WC Docket No. 10-90 et al., Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 26 FCC Rcd 17663 (2011) ("USF/ICC Transformation Order").

9. AT&T Mobility committed to annually report the number of requests for service from potential customers within its designated ETC service area that were unfulfilled. The Company has adopted the calendar year as the time period for purposes of this report. Accordingly, for the time period January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012, the Company experienced 2 (two) requests for service that the Company was unable to satisfy.

### C. Complaints Per 1,000 Customers

10. The Company is also required to annually report the number of complaints per 1,000 customers. The Company has adopted the calendar year as the time period for purposes of this report. For the time period January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012, the Company received 0.236 complaints per 1,000 customers statewide from the Attorney General, Better Business Bureau, and the FCC.

The matters addressed above are within my personal knowledge and are true and correct.

**AT&T Mobility** 

Chris Percy

Vice President/General Manager

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26<sup>TH</sup> day of August, 2013.

Notary Public

My Commission expires: MAY 3, 2016

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CONFIDENTIAL ATTACHMENT A-1
(REDACTED IN ITS ENTIRETY)

CONFIDENTIAL ATTACHMENT A-2
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